

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** June 9, 2011

**Agenda Item:** 2011 Mountain Lion Quotas

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Final Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

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**Background:** Proposed harvest quotas for mountain lion are based on research, surveys, harvest/mortality and/or public comment. Below are proposed changes from 2010 quotas and subquotas. Items in grey highlight are different from proposed adoptions from April. All other quotas/subquotas are proposed to be unchanged from 2010 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by female subquotas.

### Region 1

- HD 100: increase total special licenses from 20 to 25 lions; increase female subquota from 8 to 10

### Region 2

- Missoula Special Management Area: increase male quota from 10 to 13, increase female quota from 8 to 12
- HD 204/260/261: increase special licenses from 15 to 20; increase female subquota from 2 to 3  
HD 240: increase special licenses from 15 to 20; increase female subquota from 2 to 3  
HD 250: increase special licenses from 15 to 20; increase female subquota from 2 to 3  
HD 270: increase special licenses from 15 to 20; increase female subquota from 2 to 3

### Region 3

- HD 310/311/360/361/362: decrease total lion quota from 6 to 5; maintain female subquota at 1
- HD 320/333: decrease total lion quota from 4 to 2; maintain no female subquota

### Region 4

- HD 422/423/424/425/442: increase male quota from 7 to 9; increase female quota from 2 to 3

### Region 7

- Region 7: increase total lion quota from 25 to 30; maintain no female subquota

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Formal public comment period ran through 5 PM Monday, May 16. Comments express both support and opposition to proposed quotas and local and statewide scales. All comments will be provided to the Commission for their assessment of final adoptions at the June 9 Commission meeting.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments as well as the no-change proposals in other HDs. Supporting rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to adopt the final 2011 lion quotas/subquotas as presented by FWP.